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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

**FLEXIBLE MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND METHOD FOR
TRANSPORT OF OPTICAL LINE DATA TO A WIDE/METRO AREA LINK**

the specification of which was filed as United States application Serial No. _____ on 4 December, 2000 (the appointed attorneys hereof being authorized to insert the serial number assigned to said application when this is known).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

As the named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioners to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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